



Gerald "Jerry" Schuenke

April 5, 1941 - November 26, 2020

Dateline: Alton, IL

Gerald "Jerry" Schuenke, 79, died at 2:44 a.m. on Thursday, November 26, 2020 at his residence. He was born April 5, 1941 in Alton the son of the late Wilfred William "Slim" and Barbara (Valent) Schuenke. He served in the USAF and was a member of SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Alton. Jerry was a member of the Knights of Columbus, an avid golfer and Street Rodder. He retired from Owens-Illinois as a production supervisor. On April 21, 1965 in Fairfield, CA he married S. Anice Rains and she survives. Also surviving are one daughter, Karen Gross of Godfrey, IL and three sons, Michael Schuenke of Brighton, Steven Schuenke (Cynthia) of Godfrey and Peter Schuenke of Wood River, eight grandchildren, Jake, Kayla, Sam, Molly, William, Nathan, AJ and Ben, one brother, Robert Schuenke (Ann) of Quincy, IL and one sister, Mary Kaye Bushmeyer (Gary) of Quincy, IL, eleven nieces and nephews, Brad, Eddie, Carol, Jimmy, Paul, Harold, Nancy, Ryan, Karie, Matt and Annie. Besides his parents he was preceded in death by one sister, Dolores Korte. All service will be private. Memorials may be made to Smile Train. Gent Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Additional information and online guest book may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Cemetery

Godfrey, IL 62035

Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald "Jerry" Schuenke*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Gerald "Jerry" Schuenke*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Jerry was a good guy at the golf course. Sorry for your loss. Steve told me out at Ranch House it wouldn't be long and it wasn't. This COVID has messed normal things up because I would have liked to see him one last time!*

Doc Fischer

John W. Fischer - December 05, 2020 at 04:53 PM



“ *We are sorry to hear of the loss of Jerry, Grandma & Grandpa Schuenke were our neighbors and remember all the family coming to their house for gatherings and talking with Jerry and other members. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

The Waggoner Family

Teri Waggoner - December 02, 2020 at 03:52 PM

DW

We lived nexrdoor to Slim and Barbara for about 50 years. So of course we talked to Jerry and Anice also. Our sympathy to the family. Mary Kay, and Bob and all. Pete also lived nextdoor for several years. Our sympathy to all. Sincerely, Dee Weaver and family

Dolores (Dee) Waters Weaver - December 02, 2020 at 11:46 PM

LR

“ *Jerry was one of my true Friends in life. We grew up living on Lawton St. in Alton in the 1940s and 50s; a one block long street. Jerry family on one end and our family on the other end. It was an great place to grow up and even more awesome street for sley riding!!*

We spent many enjoyable hours playing golf as we grew older. We also played in many tournaments and enjoyed a Golf trip to DIAMONHEAD MS. together in 2015, that I will remember for ever.

I will always have many fond memories and we will miss him. We send all our love and sympathy to his family.

Larry and Barb Rea

Larry G REA - December 01, 2020 at 04:47 PM

PL

“ *Very sorry Anice for loss of my old high school friend. Will include you & family our prayers. Paul & Barb Lanzerotte*

Paul Lanzerotte - December 01, 2020 at 01:24 PM

PM

“ Pam and I were so sorry to hear about Jerry's passing. We remember him as always friendly - with a smile on his face and a story to share. We enjoyed playing bridge with Jerry and his wonderful wife, Anise. We wish his family the courage to sustain them and the support of all those who were enriched by Jerry's time with us.

Pete and Pam McFarlane

Pete McFarlane - December 01, 2020 at 01:13 PM

PS

“ Good Bye Jerry, it was good working with you. The Alton Mold Shop was a great place and you were a good part of it . I am proud to have been part of it, and working with you. Paul W. Stilwell

Paul Stilwell - November 30, 2020 at 08:34 PM

RF

“ Condolences on the loss of your loved one .I remember Jerry from the O-I Mold Shop .The picture you provided must be when he was about 20 years old Any one from Owens Illinois would not recognize him from the picture .

Ron Frost - November 30, 2020 at 07:10 PM

KW

“ Jerry and I became friends in 1966, at OI Mold Shop. We had a lot of good times bowling, golfing, and playing basketball and softball. I will miss the competition and great times together. Kenn&Jackie Watson

Kenn Watson - November 30, 2020 at 12:15 PM

DC

“ Our deepest sympathies to the Schuenke family.

Dan Crivello - November 30, 2020 at 11:37 AM

MW

“ I am sorry to read of Jerry's passing. Bob and I were classmates and I remember the Schuenke family fondly.

Mike Wendle - November 30, 2020 at 09:14 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Schuenke.



November 29, 2020 at 09:13 PM

RM

“ Jerry was a great neighbor and a wonderful person. He is in our thoughts and prayers.

Barb and Bob Metzmaker

Robert D Metzmaker - November 29, 2020 at 10:56 AM

AW

“ Lots & lots of memories with Jerry & Anice. Street Rods & traveling. Load up our kids & head out for some fun time. Out of town or in town, we were all together with our families having a good time. Frog Follies was the big one for many years. I can just imagine the car stories going on with him & Jess right now. Love you all. Praying for peace & strength to the family❤️❤️

Amy Woodman - November 29, 2020 at 07:33 AM

JW

“ RIP Jerry. Prayers for your family.

John Waters - November 28, 2020 at 08:52 PM

MC

“ Jerry and I were high school classmates at Marquette High School. We played football on the same team and we went on many double dates together. On May 14th, 1982, Jerry saved my life. I will be forever grateful. Mike Cleary

Mike Cleary - November 28, 2020 at 01:52 PM

JL

In seventh grade Jerry climbed out the second floor window to hang upside dow and get back before Mother ?...came back. He played football with my husband and with my brother and was very funny. Love by many including me. Many prayers

judy leighty - November 29, 2020 at 01:53 PM

CD

Karen, Steve and Cindy, and family- My prayers and sympathy for the loss of your father. May your memories comfort you at this difficult time. May he rest in peace in the loving arms of God in heaven.

Cathy Droste - November 29, 2020 at 03:43 PM

DW

I met Jerry just 4 years ago while playing golf with the "skinners" at Rolling Hills golf course. He and I seemed to hit it off and he was my golf partner on many occasions. It would be hard to meet a nicer guy and he will be missed by all of his golf buddies at Rolling Hills. My sympathy and prayers to the family of Jerry!!

Dan Wickenhauser - December 02, 2020 at 11:17 AM



So sorry for your family! I remember many stories of our families together. Jerry was one of the nicest guys to know. I will be praying for all of you ❤️ StacieWoodman

stacie woodman - December 03, 2020 at 05:35 AM